

**CITY OF SEQUIM
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEQUIM CIVIC CENTER
152 WEST CEDAR STREET
SEQUIM, WA
May 23, 2016**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Bob Lake, Pam Leonard-Ray, John Miller, Ted Miller, Candace Pratt, Dennis Smith, Genaveve Starr, and Wendall Lorenzen were present.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Item 4 was properly noticed and moved under Public Hearings.

CEREMONIAL

REPORTS

Committee, Board and Liaison

Starr reported at the Irrigation Festival parade there were Japanese visitors from Seattle and they enjoyed a picnic afterwards with the Shiso Sister City group. She thanked Laura Dubois for organizing the picnic. Starr stated Pam Leonard-Ray may travel to Japan as an ambassador for Sequim.

She attended the Clallam Transit System (CTS) meeting. They have hired 5 new drivers. They are in good shape financially. They have applied for financial assistance in buying several new busses. She attended the Employee Appreciation Event on the 17th.

Leonard-Ray attended the Arts Commission meeting. It is working on Keying-Around. There is a "Go Fund Me" account that already has \$300 of the \$6,000 we need. We are looking for donations. The Commission also selected the bands for Music in the Park.

Presiding Officer

Mayor Smith also attended the CTS meeting. He stated Starr chaired the meeting last month. On the 19th he attended coffee with the Mayor; they had a lively discussion. The next Coffee with the Mayor is June 16 at the Bell Creek Grill.

City Manager

Bush reported we had a good visit with Peter Kageyama. He thanked those involved in helping with this. He also thanked Council for attending the retreat. Council Goals will be brought back for approval. There will be a work session relating to the budget in June.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Laura Dubois, 644 Summer Breeze Lane, spoke about the great things Craig Ritchie has done with the City and said it was a pleasure working with him for 8 years when she was on the Council. She congratulated him and hopes he enjoys his retirement.

Charlie Pugh, 211 Amethyst Drive, is Vice President of Sequim Picklers. He provided an update on events attended and upcoming events. They look forward to playing in our parks. They continue to enroll new members, currently at 155 members. On May 26 there will be a "dine to donate" event at Black Bear Diner.

Al Dager, 21 Petal Lane, is a disaster preparedness liaison. Cherry Blossom Estates will have a meeting Wednesday, 6:30, at the Transit Center for residents of their community; he invited anyone who cares to come. He commends Council for its involvement in the upcoming Cascadia Rising event. He hopes people are prepared. He hopes the City will have information for the radio station.

INFORMATION/COUNCIL QUESTIONS INVITED

1. [Sequim Dungeness Valley Chamber of Commerce First Quarter Report](#)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. [Approval of Proposed Ordinance No. 2016-005 Related to Nuisance](#)

Mayor Smith read the rules for the public hearing; it opened at 6:18 pm.

Bush stated this would adjust our civil penalties on nuisances.

City Attorney Ritchie said our current ordinance penalty and enforcement is not working. Code enforcement encompasses the City's response to nuisances, building code violations, dangerous dogs, noise and other concerns to the public. Our code allows for a \$100 administrative penalty and for criminal prosecution. Some remedy in between would help enforcement. He explained the suggested changes to the code. The process is a "progressive discipline" basis with fines starting at \$25 progressing to \$250 imposed on a daily basis. The purpose of the change is that nuisances are not being handled through gentle persuasion.

Lake asked if this addresses articles stored on front porches. Ritchie said there are some standards about not allowing vermin or rats. If it is old and junk, neighbors can complain. Usually articles stored on porch are not considered a nuisance.

Ted Miller said this is an improvement over the current ordinance. He has concerns of the distinction between landlord and tenant. Ritchie said we have recourse against the landlord. Both landlord and tenant get notice, and the landlord can evict the tenant. Miller is looking for leverage against the landlord. He asked if we can lien the property if they do not pay their fines. Ritchie said if we are spending money on the property we can place a lien. We can go to small claims court and get a judgment. Miller feels \$250 is a low penalty and suggests \$500. Ritchie said the \$250 is sufficient to do the job as the penalty keeps adding up on a daily basis. These are the same fines Port Angeles is charging.

Leonard-Ray asked about the length of time between the fines before they hit the \$250 fine. Ritchie said due process requires notice including the problem and what happens if they don't take care of it.

No public comment.

The public hearing closed at 6:30 pm.

The Mayor indicated we can extend this to the next meeting since this is first touch; or pass it tonight.

MOTION by T.Miller to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-005 related to nuisances; second by Leonard-Ray.

Leonard-Ray asked if we have the manpower to handle this. Bush said we are currently doing this but it will allow us to be more effective with our actions. Hopefully we won't have to keep returning to the same location.

Pratt said this has been a subject of frustration over the last 4 years and she supports it.

Lake supports this but feels we may want to extend this to the next meeting.

VOTE: Aye by Leonard-Ray, J. Miller, T. Miller, Pratt, Smith and Starr; nay by Lake. Passed 6-1.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approve/Acknowledge
 - a. City Council Meeting Minutes - May 9, 2016
 - b. Claim Voucher Recap Dated 5/23/16 Total Payments \$634,805.21

MOTION to approve consent agenda by Pratt; second by Starr. Unanimously approved.

TBD BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. [Growth Management Act Regional Committee Update Regarding County-Wide Planning Policies](#)

Bush said this has been an objective and Council goal to accomplish the update on the County-Wide Planning Policies.

Hugo said this topic has been in front of you for years, and with Sequim's perseverance has paid off. He gave a brief overview of the process over the years. Other jurisdictions are completing their planning process. After the new year the County will convene the first meeting of the Growth Management Steering Committee. If Council is on board with the schedule, we will move forward when we can with the other jurisdictions. The committee will set an agenda next year.

There was Council consensus to move forward.

NEW BUSINESS

5. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2016-004 Adopting the 2015 International and Uniform Building Codes and Setting Public Hearing](#)

Hugo said he is speaking for Ann Hall who is unavailable. If there are questions, we can bring back answers. Every 3 years the international codes are updated and then the codes go to the states for review. He touched on a few changes. Staff recommends Council set a public hearing and adopt the proposed amendments to SMC 15.04 to maintain currency.

T.Miller is concerned whether in 15.04.025 there is anything that should not be exempt. Hugo said Hall reviews this and lets Hugo know of possible changes we need to make in our code.

Starr questioned standards for liquefied petroleum concerning disaster preparedness. Hugo said we can add provisions to the code so long as they don't go against the International Code. That is a good question for Hall that we will research.

MOTION by T. Miller to set a public hearing for June 13, 2016 on proposed Ordinance 2016-004 relating to the 2015 International and Uniform Codes and amendments; second by Pratt. Unanimously approved.

6. Resolution No. R2016-13 Recognizing Craig Ritchie

A video was played of the song Ritchie submitted for staff's contest "Whose Song Is it." Ritchie's submission was "Always Look on the Bright of Life." Mayor Smith then read Resolution R2016-13 recognizing Craig Ritchie for the 24 years of service to the City. He was named "City Attorney Emeritus."

Ritchie thanked everyone.

Pratt wishes him all the best. He will be missed.

Bush said it has been an honor to work with Craig who is one of a kind. His legacy is huge and long and we will band together to carry on, but we will miss you. You are always welcome here.

Mayor Smith said he provides a massive amount of recommendations and advice to staff and to all cities in the state who call him. We will miss him and so will the state.

Lake worked with Ritchie when talking about helmets for kids, which is a problem for the state. Ritchie said we should change the law. He doesn't take no for an answer and uses the position to help make the world a better place. We appreciate that.

Starr will miss his memory - she doesn't think anyone else has that collective memory.

Ritchie said Kristina Nelson-Gross will carry on in the same tradition.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Pratt said she noticed driving into town from the west the Welcome to Sequim sign is faded. She also asked the status of the LEED certification now that building is completed.

Bush said he will have a briefing regarding the Civic Center in the near future.

Pratt also asked if we have investigated hydraulic assist for the front doors.

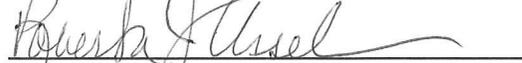
PUBLIC COMMENTS (Please limit comments to 3 minutes each)

NEXT MEETING DATES: June 13, 2016 (5:00 p.m.) and June 27, 2016 (5:00 p.m.) These times are subject to change. Please check our website for any updates. You may also sign up for email notifications at <http://sequimwa.gov/list.aspx>.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Roberta J. Usselman, MMC
Deputy City Clerk



Dennis Smith
Mayor

Minutes approved at a regular Council meeting held on June 13, 2016.